

Washingtonians Fight Over \$408,042 Matthews Estate

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Persons claiming kinship to Theodore A. Matthews, an undertaker, who died last December 9, are fighting over his estate conservatively estimated to be worth \$408,042.

Phillip Matthews and Mrs. Bernice Gordon, claiming to be his sole heirs at law and next of kin, filed in the Probate Court here Tuesday an answer to the petition of Mrs. Gladys L. Matthews, who claims to be his widow, opposing her appointment as administratrix of the estate.

They urge that a neutral person be appointed to administer the estate or a collector be appointed to conserve the assets of the estate and operate the undertaking business which he left.

In their answer to the petition of Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Gordon charged that she was not the legal wife of Theodore A. Matthews and is not his legal widow.

CLAIM "NEXT OF KIN"

They maintain that she is not entitled to administer his estate.

Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Gordon say they are the only heirs at law and next of kin of Theodore A. Matthews.

They allege that there are and will be continuing questions relating to the status of Mrs. Matthews for the determination of the courts and her appointment as administratrix of the estate, while these matters are pending, will defeat the very purposes of the litigation.

According to the answer, last April 16, Samuel Matthews, father of Phillip and Bernice, died, and Phillip was appointed administrator of his estate. Mrs. Matthews has appealed from the order of the Probate court appointing him to administer the estate. The appeal is now pending in the United States Court of Appeals.

There also is pending in the Domestic Relations Court a complaint to annul the marriage, which Phillip and Bernice allege was forced upon Theodore A. Matthews by Gladys L. Lloyd.

The complaint was filed by Phil-

lip and Bernice against Gladys upon the ground that the marriage was void from the beginning.

SEEK NON-APPOINTMENT

In the light of the litigation in which the legality of the marriage of Mrs. Matthews to Theodore A. Matthews is attacked, Phillip and Bernice contend, the court should refuse to appoint Gladys as the administratrix of Theodore's estate.

In her petition for letters of administration, Gladys states that surviving Theodore are his widow, herself, and two "alleged" children of his deceased brother, Samuel—Phillip and Bernice, both adults, who were born to Irene Bond.

Mrs. Matthews brands Phillip and Bernice as illegitimate. She asserts that Samuel was never legally married to their mother.

The United States District Court here, however, ruled that Phillip and Bernice are the legitimate children of Samuel Matthews. This matter has been appealed to the United States Court of Appeals.

Relatives fight over big estate

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Theodore Matthews, who died last December 9, left an estate of \$408,042.

A total of \$83,000 was invested in U.S. Savings Bonds at 3619 14th St., NW, valued at about \$48,000; 330 I St., SW, various banks and building and loan associations.

Probate Court here must decide who are the heirs because he left no will.

Surviving relatives are: Mrs. Gladys L. Matthews, who claims to be the undertaker's widow, and Phillip Matthews and Mrs.

Bernice Gordon, children of the undertaker's brother.

THE UNDERTAKER'S wife has appealed to the court for the right to administer the estate and operate the funeral business.

Opposing her appointment are the niece and nephew of the deceased.

They are asking that a neutral person be named the administrator or that a collector be appointed to conserve the assets of the estate.

THEY CONTEND that Mrs. Matthews was not the legal wife of their uncle and is therefore not his legal widow.

Charging that the marriage was "forced upon Theodore Matthews by Gladys L. Lloyd," they are asking that the court annul the ceremony and declare the marriage void from the beginning.

In seeking the right to administer the estate, Mrs. Matthews brands her husband's niece and nephew as "illegitimate."

SHE ASSERTS that her husband's brother, Samuel Matthews was never legally married to Irene Bond, their mother.

The U.S. District Court, however, ruled that Phillip and Bernice are the legitimate children of Samuel Matthews, but the decision has been carried to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Declaring that she is her husband's sole survivor and heir at law, she asserts in her petition that Phillip and Bernice are not children capable of inheritance under District of Columbia law.

THEODORE A. MATTHEWS left unencumbered real estate valued at 3619 14th St., NW, valued at about \$48,000; 330 I St., SW, valued at about \$7,500; 332 I St., SW, valued at about \$8,000; and 51 I St., SW, valued at about \$8,000.

He also left personal property valued at about \$211,030, as follows:

Savings account in Industrial Bank of Washington, \$104; savings account at the American

Security and Trust Co., \$15,197; on deposit with the Oriental Building Association, \$10,000;

Common stock of Industrial Bank, \$100; common stock of Southwest Housing, \$930; common stock of Accacia Masonic Hall, \$30, and U.S. Savings bonds totaling \$83,250.

HE ALSO left household furniture valued at \$500; on deposit with the registry of the District Court, \$16,000, paid by the Redevelopment Land Agency for taking 515 Fourth St., SW;

Two Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. policies of \$5,000 each, and a business known as Barnes and Matthews Funeral Home, located at the 14th St. address, of an estimated value of \$50,000.

He left no personal debts except the expenses of his funeral of \$2,800.

Carlisle E. Pratt, an attorney, is representing Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Gordon. The petition for administration was filed in behalf of Mrs. Matthews by Wilhelmina Jackson, attorney.

Emmett Scott Leaves \$20,000

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Emmett J. Scott Sr., former educator and author, left an estate valued at approximately \$20,000.

According to a petition for probate of his will, filed in U. S. District Court, Emmett J. Scott Jr. and Mrs. Evelyn Payne, two of his children who were named executors, said his holdings included: a home at 1722 S. St. N.W., encumbrance, \$7,200; lots at Nassau Shores, L. I., \$500; lots at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, \$450; and \$11,340 in personal property.

Rev. Jernagin's estate valued at about \$35,000

THE Rev. W. H. Jernagin, former pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church left an estate valued at approximately \$35,000, according to an accounting of his will filed in District Court.

Mrs. Cordelia Jernagin, widow of the minister, who was named executor, has filed a petition asking probate of the will.

THE REV. Mr. Jernagin who died on Feb. 18, is also survived by Mrs. Lottie R. Adams, 149 Randolph Pl., NW and Mrs. Gertrude E. Swancy, 1212 Quincy St., NW, both daughters.

In his will dated Sept. 22, 1945, the minister left his wife property at 1737 Harvard St., NW; lots in Arlington, Va., Marshall Heights, and Mizpah, N.J.; all cash in the bank, 10 shares of stock in Mutual Housing Company, stock in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery Corporation and benefits from all insurance policies.

TO MRS. ADAMS, the pastor left property at 1720 4th St., NW; and lots in Mizpah, N.J. Mrs. Swancy will receive holdings at 90 Myrtle St., NE.

OTHERS named in the will are a cousin, Howard Jernagin, a lot in Mizpah, N.J. and \$100; Washington Baptist Seminary, \$300 and library and the Rev. Percy Jernagin, a nephew, \$100.

ACCORDING to the accounting of his will, the estate is valued as follows:

Homes at 737 Harvard St., NW, \$7,500; 1720 4th St., NW, \$6,000; 90 Myrtle St., NE, \$4,500; 615 Morton Pl., NE, \$5,000 and properties in Mizpah, N.J., \$8,900.

Personal property, \$5,150 including \$2,500 in cash at Industrial Bank; life insurance policy, \$1,000; Southern Aid of Virginia policy, \$400; books and personal effects, \$750 and automobile, \$500.

Printer, historian

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left \$18,000 estate

WASHINGTON

Henry P. Slaughter, 87, former printer and historian, left property valued at approximately \$18,000, according to a petition filed in District Court.

Charles R. Gray, nephew of Mr. Slaughter, has been appointed administrator of the estate by the court. He left no will.

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OTHER RELATIVES are Mrs. Ida S. Gray, sister, Louisville, Ky.; Frank H. Gray, nephew, Philadelphia.

Mr. Slaughter was a noted authority on the history of the colored people. He acquired one of the most complete collections of books pertaining to the progress of the minority group.

He was a retired Government Printing Office employee and held his master's degree in law.

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PROPERTY listed in an accounting of his estate included:

Home at 1264 Columbia Rd., NW, \$11,000; checking account, Industrial bank, \$578.07; savings account, \$2,234.92;

Checking account, Riggs National Bank, \$1,900.84; Metropolitan Building and Loan Association, \$2,400; treasury note, \$5,000.

His debts included, funeral expenses, \$334; light, gas, heat, and telephone bills, \$65; real estate tax at Columbia Rd., \$250 and \$125 attorney fee.

Judge Cobb Leaves Bulk Of Estate For Law Scholarships

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NPA) — Judge James A. Cobb, who died here on October 14, left the bulk of his estate to Howard University for the establishment of a scholarship fund for law school students.

He taught law in the Howard University Law School from 1918 to 1938. The value of his estate has not yet been determined. It's expected to run into six figures. He owned the building at 613 F street northwest in which the offices of his law firm, Cobb, Howard and Hayes were located. In addition, he was known to own some gilt-edge stocks.

In his will, filed in the office of Register Wills Wed., Judge Cobb directed that his remains be cremated by the McGuire Funeral Home and that his funeral services be held in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University. That was done.

\$500 BEQUESTS

He left \$500 each to Miss Daphne Coleman (now Mrs. Williams), who was a stenographer in his law offices of Senator Jacob K. Havits, New York Republican; Mrs. Gladys Cuzzens, wife of Lowell Cuzzens, Detroit; Flemming Norris, Jr., his godchild, East Paterson, N. J.; Nathan Cayton, retired judge of the District of Columbia Municipal Court of Appeals; Mrs. Mercedes Rector Horne, the wife of Frank S. Horne, New York City, and Mrs. Marie Cooper, Washington, D. C.

To James G. Eaton, a lawyer in his office he left \$200.

The sum of \$5,000 each was left to Mrs. Helen Cuzzens Jefferson, his godchild, Detroit; Mrs. Louise Hayes, wife of George E. C. Hayes, one of his law partners; Dillard and Fisk universities.

He also left \$5,000 to Mr. Hayes together with his law library and all personal effects.

His papers, clippings, writings, and so forth were given to Dr. Charles H. Thompson, dean of the Howard University Graduate School, to "arrange" them. He directed his executors to provide the necessary funds from his estate to carry out this bequest and deduct the amount as an expense in their accounting.

Judge Cobb's Will Provides for Friends

By James A. Cobb, professor at Howard University Law School.

He left most of his estate to the University for the "James A. Cobb Scholarship Fund," to help law students. He also made bequests of \$5000 each to Dillard University in New Orleans and Fisk University in Nashville. Hayes and his wife Louise were each given \$5000 as was Cobb's godchild, Helen Cuzzens Jefferson of Detroit. Cobb willed \$500 each to Judge Nathan Cayton and to two secretaries, Daphne Coleman and Marie Cooper. Cobb never married.

These friends

members of Epsilon Boule, will hold their monthly dinner meeting on Nov. 21, and Judge Cobb, who died on Oct. 14, will be there in spirit.

His will filed yesterday in District Court provides that his estate pick up the check when the meal is over.

For these old friends on this occasion, Cobb wrote "it is my desire that they have plenty to eat and drink. I want them to have a wonderful time and without sadness."

George E. C. Hayes, Cobb's law partner for many years, explained that Epsilon Boule is a national fraternal organization of college men who have achieved something of importance in their communities.

The local chapter meets once a month, Hayes said, and Cobb attended regularly. Cobb's request that they have a wonderful time without sadness at his expense "is just like him," Hayes said.

Cobb, who was 82 when he died, was a familiar figure in legal affairs. He was a municipal court judge from 1926 to 1936, a lawyer in general practice for many years, and a pro-



Judge Cobb

DOPE AND DATA

by Louis E. Martin

The Myth Of Negro Millionaires

In an interview recently with a wealthy white philanthropist, who inherited most of his money from his crooked father, I was told that the "rich Negroes" and the "Negro millionaires" do not give money to worthy causes.

I have heard this statement so often, sometimes by Negroes, that I decided to do a little research on the subject. Who, for instance, are these rich Negroes in Chicago? What are their annual incomes? These questions, of course do not lend themselves to easy answers.

My research efforts led directly to banking officials and the certified public accountants in the Negro area who handle the bulk

of the income tax business of the big shots. I got most of my data from the accountants. Incidentally, the figures of each accountant interviewed were remarkably close.

I was told first to distinguish between those who are rich thru racketeering and those who earned their money legitimately. The accountants pointed out that many of the dollars of the rich racketeers might as well be regarded as counterfeit money because they were afraid to spend it.

Secondly, a great part of the racket income goes "downtown" to bigger racketeers who are white.

Since such income among whites is ignored in this kind of research, we must eliminate racket money in this study.

Anyway, here is the breakdown of the annual incomes of the so-called Negro millionaires in Chicago who can afford to stand up and be counted. They must pay tax on these incomes.

Only ten corporation officials average above \$25,000 and only thirty others do better than \$15,000. This includes all the corporate business among the 800,000 Negroes in Chicago.

Only twenty sole proprietors earn as much as \$15,000 a year. None earns as much as \$25,000.

Only three physicians have incomes of \$50,000. They are by far the richest group in the colored community.

Only two dentists receive over \$25,000 a year and sixteen others average \$15,000.

Only one lawyer averages \$50,000, eight hit \$25,000 a year and ten are close to \$15,000 a year.

Only one Negro in the category of public figures in politics, religion, etc., earns \$25,000 a year and ten others do better than \$15,000.

Finally, in a general miscellaneous category the accountants estimated that there are about six or eight Negroes not identifiable in the above groups who get \$15,000 a year but less than \$25,000.

The figures above are all average estimates given me by those who are in the best position to know the facts of the financial life of the colored community. Each expert agreed that when you began to pin down these so-called Negro millionaires, they disappeared into thin air.

I was told, however, that the average Negro who has an income of \$25,000 lives as ostentatiously as a white citizen who has an income of \$50,000. The "rich front" put on the colored nouveau riche not only fools white people but it fools Negroes themselves, according to my informants. A few, however, have saved enough of their earnings to accumulate small fortunes but the number is tragically small.

The great advance in Negro wealth lies in the large number of individuals who have moved into the bracket between \$3,000 to \$9,000 income. The upper echelon of this group often lives in style that would suggest great wealth.

Finally, perhaps the rich Negroes do not contribute nearly enough to worthy causes, but there seems to be a false conception about Negro riches. Where do all the millions Negroes spend each year go? Well, the next time you go shopping, ask yourself that question.

Total Personal Income Has
Fallen From A Record Peak

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Total personal income in the U. S. fell \$4,500,000,000 in the past eight months from a record peak of \$347,300,000,000, the National Industrial Conference Board reported.

Wages and salaries were off 7.9 per cent. This drop was partially offset by a 19.8 per cent increase in unemployment and social security benefits.

Don't Sell Land, Bishop

Tells Negroes

By CLAUDE GEORGE SR.

Negro land owners in rural areas should hold on to their property and not be so ready to sell out, Bishop William R. Wilkes said in Atlanta recently.

Bishop Wilkes, addressing the Ministers' Union at the Big Bethel AME Church, said, "It is important to own land; it makes good, stable citizens."

He added that people who own land will always run the government.

Bishop Wilkes, presiding prelate of African Methodist Episcopal churches in Georgia, is head of some 117,000 members throughout the state.

During his address to the ministers, the bishop told the pastors and presiding elders they have a heavy load to carry between now and the church's next general conference.

He said that Georgia is one of the AME strongholds and that it must remain so.

Bishop Wilkes announced at the meeting a special one-day session of presiding elders, pastors and other church leaders will be held in Macon Tuesday at the Steward Chapel AME Church.

The South Atlantic District Conference will convene Wednesday-Friday at the John Alexander Memorial AME Church for its 1958 session.

Chauffeur, Maid Share

In Mrs. Martin's Estate

A wealthy white Atlanta widow divided approximately \$38,000 of an estimated \$150,000 in last will bequeaths between two Negro churches and her long employed chauffeur and maid.

The will of Mrs. Sally Brown Connally Martin, filed in the office of Fulton County Ordinary Eugene Gunby, directed that \$25,000 be left for Louis Walton, "my faithful chauffeur for many years."

Mrs. Martin, who died December 13, also bequeathed in her will that \$10,000 be set aside for Mrs. Anna Mobley, "my faithful maid." She also provided that all indebtedness on the maid's house be provided from her estate following her death and that necessary repairs on the house be made.

Among Mrs. Martin's list of bequeaths for charities, it was noted that she had provided for \$1,000 to be given to the Bethlehem Baptist Church while \$500 was left to the Cosmopolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The late widow of H. Warner Martin, prominent Atlanta banker who had served as president of the Trust Company of Georgia, also provided cash bequeaths of more than \$10,000 for relatives and friends in addition to a \$75,000 trust fund for the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church.

A \$10,000 trust fund was set up to help defray part of the medical expenses of women patients of the Georgia Baptist Hospital who are in need of financial help. This fund was established in honor of her sister, Mrs. Frances Connally Hentz.

After providing the legacies for friends, charities, relatives and servants, the residue of her estate was left to five Atlanta nieces, Mrs. Mary Sterling Patridge, Mrs. Constance Spalding Anderson, Mrs. Frances Spalding Bryan, Mrs. Sally Spalding Funkhouser and Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield.

No estimate of the value of the estate was available. The Trust Company of Georgia was appointed executor and trustee of the trusts set up by the will.

'In Appreciation'**Immigrant Leaves \$150,000
To Ex-Shoeshine-Boy Friend**

Chicago, March 13 (AP)—The Circuit Court admitted to probate Thursday the will of an immigrant who left his \$150,000 estate to a former shoeshine boy who befriended him.

Joseph Stary, 75, an immigrant from Czechoslovakia who established a fur business in Chicago, died March 31, 1957. He left his fortune to Lawrence J. Young, Negro, now 56, and a building contractor. *3-14-58*

Stary's will ignored his widow, Josephine, an inmate of Mantero State Hospital, a mental institution, and his son, John, of Chicago.

City National Bank & Trust Company, conservator for Mrs. Stary, sued in behalf of the widow and son to set aside the will, dated July 18, 1956. *Lawrence J. Young*

Circuit Judge William J. Tuohy ruled that the will be admitted to probate, affirming an order of the Probate Court.

Young said he first met Stary in 1919 when Young was a shoeshine boy and porter in a barbershop. Stary had just come to the United States.

"We became close friends," Young related. "He backed me in business. Later we worked together, invested together, and we made money."

For five years before his death Stary lived much of the time in Young's home.

Young's lawyer, David A. Canel, said that Young is supporting Mrs. Stary in accordance with his friend's wishes and that the \$150,000 estimate of the estate is conservative.

Fortune Left**To Ex-Shine Boy**

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CHICAGO, Sept. 24 (AP)—The will of a Chicago furrier who ignored his wife and son and left his \$150,000 fortune to a Negro one-time shoe shine boy was admitted to probate yesterday. *P 9 A*

Joseph Stary, who was white and who died March 31, at the age of 75, named Lawrence J. Young, 56, now a building contractor, his beneficiary.

Young said Stary, an immigrant from Czechoslovakia, patronized a barber shop where Young was a shoe shine boy shortly after World War I. *Advertiser*

Young said a "father and son relationship developed" and that they worked and invested together.

The attorney for Stary's son, John C., 32, of Los Angeles, Calif., said he would appeal. Stary's wife is a patient at the Illinois State Mental Hospital at Mantero.

Governor's \$140,505 Estate Left By Alexander

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WASHINGTON — (NNPA) —

Archie A. Alexander, former governor of the Virgin Islands who died Jan. 4, left an estate valued at \$140,505. His will was filed for probate in Des Moines, Iowa, last week.

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He was formerly a Howard trustee and engineering lecturer.

HIS WILL also provided similar scholarships at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Ala. and the State University of Iowa. The money will be divided from a trust after the death of his widow.

Mr. Alexander lived in the District and also Des Moines where he died.

Widow Leaves Land To Set Up Fund For Education

SHREVEPORT, La. — The 87-year-old widow of a former slave has willed 160 acres of farm land to the Cadeo Parish school board and set up a trust fund to be used for the education of Negro children.

The will of Mrs. Reed Anna Teamer Smith was filed for probate in Cadeo Parish District Court following her death Friday. Services will be held Thursday.

She stipulated in her will that the trust fund be used "to teach many obstacles, yet through Christianity, honesty and hard work." She said she and her late husband, ex-slave Newton Smith, "faced many obstacles, yet through Christian faith, honesty and hard work he and I achieved fortune, respect and the friendship of the people among whom we lived, regardless of race or creed."

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Mrs. Smith's will asks that the 160 acres be used for a school for Negro children and as a site for an agricultural and trade school.

The will also left the Smith family home and 500 acres of land to a foster son, Lee Arthur Alberta. Alberta's three children each received 40 acres.

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Ex-Slave's Widow Wills Trust Fund For Negro Youth

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Mrs. Rosa Anna Teamer Smith made the grants in her will filed for probate in Caddo Parish District Court. The 87-year-old Negro woman died last Friday and will be buried Thursday.

She was the widow of ex-slave Newton Smith, who became a sharecropper at the end of the War Between the States and acquired 1,700 acres of land and a small fortune before he died in 1956.

The land willed to the school board is in the Dixie area, about 17 miles north of here.

Her will said she wanted the charity fund to be used "to teach Negro youth the values of Christianity, honesty and hard work."

"Newton (her husband) was born in slavery and I was born in troubled times following the War," she wrote. "Newton and I faced many obstacles, yet through Christian faith, honesty and hard work he and I achieved fortune, respect and the friendship of the people among whom we lived, regardless of race or creed."

Heir to Briscoe \$100,000 estate buried on Saturday

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BALTIMORE

Mrs. Beatrice Harper, 539 E. Coldspring Lane, died at Provident Hospital on March 5. Funeral services were held Saturday at a Carey St. funeral home.

Mrs. Harper was one of the surviving heirs to a \$100,000 estate left by her sister, Mrs. Ada Briscoe, who died in April, 1947 at the age of 68.

Mrs. Briscoe left valuable property in the Madison Ave. sector which included her \$12,000 home at 2425 Madison Ave., where she lived with what she called her "colony of cats and dogs."

Mrs. Harper is survived by her husband, Richard Harper, a Pennsylvania Railroad employee.

Battle over \$100,000 estate ends

After American
Sun 3-22-58

The Maryland statute of limitations, which requires that legal action be taken within three years of the establishment of a debt, prevented the first wife of the late Dr. Marion Wilson from collecting a 29-year-old debt she claimed he owed her since his college days.

After a court battle of more than a year's duration, Mrs. Margaret Susan Holdier, an Indianapolis, Ind. school nurse, lost her fight to recover an estimated sum of \$10,000 - plus from his estate which at the time of his 1956 death was reported to be approximately \$100,000.

In Superior Court on Wednesday, Judge John T. Tucker, dismissed Mrs. Holdier's claim for \$3,252 plus compounded interest dating from the year 1929.

ALTHOUGH JUDGE Tucker stated that the debt owed the deceased physician's first wife was established, he ruled that the Maryland statute of limitations of three years barred granting of the claim.

While Mrs. Holdier did not testify in court, through her attorneys, U. Theodore Hayes, Linwood G. Koger Sr., and Archie Williams, she stated that the money loaned the late physician was for his education at Indiana University, books, expenses and the cost of his graduation as well as expenses to Baltimore to do his internship at Provident Hospital.

Supporting her claims were Dr. and Mrs. C. Herbert Sembly, Salisbury, Md., who told the court that as late as Aug. 1953, Dr. Wilson admitted that he owed Mrs. Holdier the money.

Dr. Sembly testified: "I asked him when was he going to help Margaret who helped him out when he was in school and he said, 'I'm going to give her \$100 if she'll come through Baltimore and son, and it gave the entire estate to his mother. I'll try to give her the rest before the year is out.'"

Dr. Sembly added: "He said he knew he was indebted to Margaret and he intended to pay her."

Dr. and Mrs. Sembly also testified that they had visited with Dr. Wilson and his first wife, the present Mrs. Holdier, in 1930 in Indianapolis and with the physician "many, many times" at Provident Hospital when Dr. Wilson was a interne in Baltimore.

DR. WILSON died in January, 1956, at the age of 49. He was a well-known surgeon.

His estate, first estimated at \$100,000, had been reduced by 1957 to approximately \$50,000 through other claims.

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His mother, Mrs. Mattie Wilson of Indianapolis, the chief beneficiary under his will, received all real estate with the exception of the physician's 2628 Longwood St. home which went to his widow, Mrs. Margaret E. Wilson, and the proceeds from the sale of his Deale, Md. summer home which went for payment of debts and administration cost.

The agreement thus gave Mrs. Wilson, the mother, properties at 709 W. Lanvale St., 2533 Woodbrook Ave., and 803 Fremont Ave., as well as the contents of the Fremont Ave. property where her son maintained offices.

Contents of the Longwood St. home went to the widow as well as some furnishings from the Deale home which she claimed belonged to her prior to Dr. Wilson's death.

ACCORDING TO the first administration account filed in April, 1957, administrators of the estate listed debts of \$16,263.27. A total of \$16,982.58 had been retained in the estate for further accounting.

This cash chiefly came from the Deale, Md. property which was purchased by a private buyer, and a new Cadillac automobile bought several days before Dr. Wilson's death and three boats.

The physician's will was drawn after the death of his second wife, Mrs. Sadie Wilson, and it gave the entire estate to his mother.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, the last wife, claimed dower rights. Present in the courtroom were Mrs. Mattie Wilson and Mrs. Mary Alice Wilson Mor-ton, mother and sister of the deceased physician, as well as Mrs. Holdier and Dr. and Mrs. Sembly.

MARYLAND

Find \$23,000 more in *After American P.I.* estate of Mass. patient

BOSTON, Mass. — Additional assets of \$23,000 in the estate of wealthy Charles J. Shepard, 94, of St. Germaine St., Back Bay, who is a \$25 weekly patient in the Boston State Hospital, were disclosed on Suffolk Probate Court.

At a hearing before Judge Edward V. Keville, Mrs. Mary Woods Williams, 59, of Norfolk Va., is trying to prove she is the only living direct descendant of Shepard and to have herself appointed conservator of his estate now estimated at about \$177,000.

Mrs. Williams is also seeking to have the present co-conservators removed. They are Mrs. Fannie A. King of St. Germaine St., Shepard's niece by marriage and George Gallucci of Walworth St., Roslindale, a cashier in a Boston investment as beneficiaries.

After American
SHEPARD, WHO entered the hospital in November, 1957 because of his advanced age, amassed his fortune in stock investments after acting as chauffeur for a Boston broker.

Gallucci disclosed that in January, 1957, he assisted Shepard in establishing a trust fund of \$23,000 for two children of his other co-conservator, Mrs. King. He also testified that Shepard made him and Mrs. King co-executors of his will and named Mrs. King and her daughters as beneficiaries.

He also said that Shepard gave him 25 bank books showing deposits of over \$40,000 "to hold for him." The following month, in which Shepard was hospitalized when found unconscious from gas in his St. Germaine St. apartment, Shepard gave Gallucci \$400, the cashier testified.

He quoted Shepard as saying: "Here's a little gift for you for all the work you have done for me."

GALLUCCI DECLARED that

after he was made a co-conservator in late 1957, he helped Shepard straighten out his tangled financial affairs.

He claimed in Shepard's apartment, he found "hundreds" of uncashed stock dividend checks, 40 other checks from individuals "in a cubbyhole and on top of a bureau and in bureau drawers" which he banked in a special account.

Prior to receiving the \$4,000 gift, Gallucci testified he worked without compensation. "to help out the old man," adding that "I thought he may some day give me some money for my services."

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Ohio Negro Convict May Be A Rich Man

COMMERCIAL APPEAL
M'COMB, Miss., Dec. 6.—

(UPI)—A Negro convict in Ohio may soon be a rich man.

Authorities here said Eugene Bryant, who is serving an indefinite term for rape in Ohio, is apparently one of 13 heirs to the James Bryant estate near here. It was discovered on the land two weeks ago.

Ohio prison officials say they have been swamped with calls from oil representatives who want to buy a share of Bryant's royalties.

MISSISSIPPI

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**Hotel Owner Dies
Leaving Estate Of
\$150,000**

MISSOURI

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Validation of the Gus Williams estate began after an inventory was filed in probate court showing its value at \$153,603.50.

The late Gus Williams owned the Harlem night club, located at 214 Francis street. He died recently while on a hunting trip.

Probate Judge Stephen K. Owens ordered the \$2,300 stock also the furniture and fixtures of the building that Williams owned sold. The real estate consisted of a hotel, lunch room, pool room and garage.

Included in the estate were five other parcels of real estate. These were valued at \$26,750.

A total of \$12,000 was found in a safety deposit box. Bank accounts and insurance policies totaled \$41,183. Bonds valued at \$24,614 were located and \$313.8 was discovered in the night club safe.

Four bank accounts were found with Williams and other persons as joint holders. However, it was reported the other persons didn't know of the existence of the accounts.

One was for \$10,000 and was held jointly with Eva Brown. Another similar amount was held jointly with an A. L. Jackson. The third was a like amount and was held jointly with A. H. Hollins.

Another joint account, held with Augustus Jackson, was for \$5,000.



NEW JERSEY

on "Tiberetta" which placed second, and three more won \$28,000 each on "Green Drill," third place winner.

Mrs. Alston says she intends to keep her job at the Gloria Girl Sewing Co., 307 Main St., Orange, even after she gets what's left from the \$140,000 after Uncle Sam takes his tax cut.

WINS \$140,000 — Mrs. Celestine Alston, a Newark, N.J., factory worker who won \$140,000 on the Irish Sweepstakes on Saturday, and her husband Harry, who has been unemployed for five months, are shown in their third floor apartment at 157 S. 10th St.,

looking through newspaper advertisements for a home to purchase. They were married a year ago, and according to Mrs. Alston, would like to take a little vacation because we did not have a big wedding."

do is to take a little vacation turn before five or ten years because we did not have a big have elapsed, struck it rich the wedding." second year.

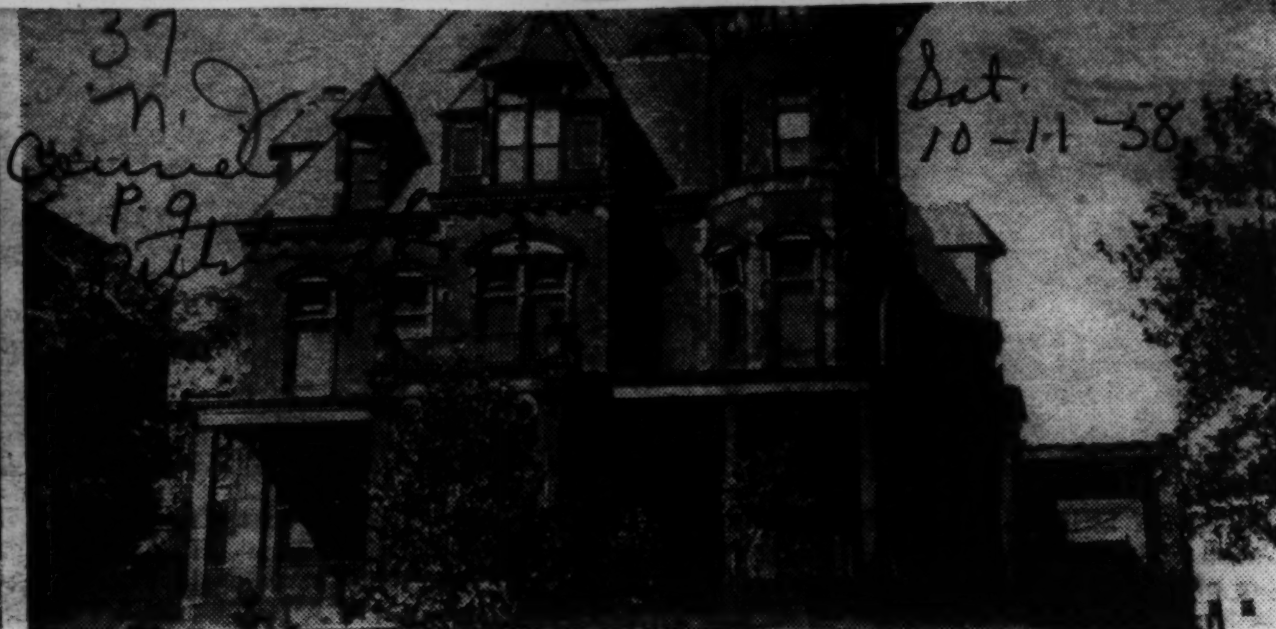
This statement was made to She bought her first ticket last year. the AFRO on Sunday by Mrs. Her unexpected fortune was Celestine Alston, a factory a triple treat—it was a wedding anniversary gift (they were married in April, 1957); worker of 157 S. 10th St., who it was an Easter gift, and it assured Mr. Alston of a brighter economic future.

"THE FOUNDATION of it all is God," declared Mr. Alston, on "Mr. What," an 18 to 1 shot a machine operator, who had in the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, England. been unemployed for five months since he was laid off last October at the Curtis-Wright plant at Wood-Ridge. She was among nine New Jersey residents who won a total of \$72,000 on a \$3.50 investment each on tickets for the sweepstakes. Mrs. Alston, a native of Warrenton, N.C., unlike most sweepstakes ticket buyers Three others won \$56,000 each

**I'll buy
a home,
wife says**

By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

"First of all, I would like to purchase a home.
The next thing I'd like to



\$85,000 Purchase— The famed 40-room Krueger mansion of Newark, N. J., has been purchased by Mme. Louise Scott, owner of Scott's Beauty School, the Hotel Scott and a chain of beauty shops in North Jersey. Situated on a high hill overlooking

the city of Newark, the property includes a private theatre. Following the death of the original owner, founder of Krueger Brewing Co., the property was acquired by the Scottish Rite Masons. Madame Scott plans a community center.—Ackis Photos.

'I'm too old to be excited by money'

NEW YORK — A cab driver was awarded a small fortune here Thursday by Justice Arthur J. Klein.

The money, \$11,200, was left in a cab driven by Harold Petrie, 65, several months ago by a passenger suspected to have been Tammany Hall boss Carmine De Sapio.

De Sapio denied ownership of the money and it was placed in the custody of the New York Superior Court.

Walter Robinson, 76, a real estate operator filed claim for the money alleging that it was part of the Josephine Norcum estate that he managed until Mrs. Norcum's death in 1929.

However Court officials proved that the bills were issued after 1929 and Robinson withdrew his claim.

PETRIE TOOK the stand and told how he found the money in the back of his cab and sent it to the Police Property clerk for safekeeping. Under New York law, if such money is not claimed within 90 days it becomes the property of the finder.

Petrie told the AFRO:

"I'm glad to get the money but my lawyers still have to file certain papers before it will be cash in my hands. I'm not too excited. I've lived sixty years without that money and could keep on doing so if need be."

PETRIE SET off a political storm by find the money.

He located the money in the rear of his cab minutes after he had taken Carmine DeSapio to the Biltmore hotel.

DeSapio admitted being Petrie's passenger, but denied all involvements with the money.

musty, bills and speculation was rampant that it came from some ill-gotten source, and had been in hiding for about twenty years. Police have been alerted to locate more of the old cash but no more has been unearthed to date.

Dirty \$11,200

NEW YORK — George Abrams, attorney for cab driver Harold Petrie, last week stopped off at Police Headquarters Annex to pick up \$11,200 in old dirty tax-free money for his client — the unclaimed cash found by Petrie in his cab on last July 24. After getting the money from Robert Walsh, assistant property clerk, the attorney left with the bundle of \$50 and \$100 notes, saying he was going to deposit it in a bank for the Brooklyn cab driver.

Handy Estate In Thousands

NEW YORK — Fat \$50,000 per year royalties guarantee that the heirs to the late W. C. Handy estate will be well-fixed for years to come.

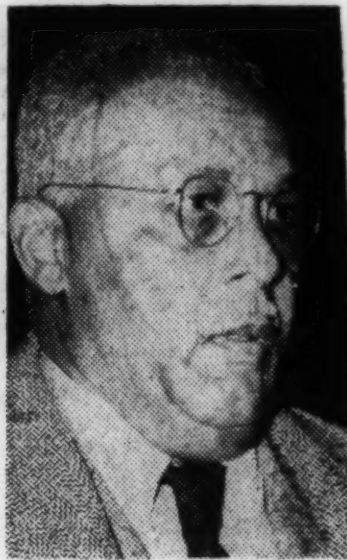
According to Atty. Edward C. Nyles, Handy's Wall Street counselor, royalties from the late Mr. Handy's music are guaranteed for years to come. In addition, the composer owned a \$50,000 home in fashionable Westchester County.

ANOTHER LARGE sum of money is due the estate from the film, "St. Louis Blues," version of Mr. Handy's life which stars Nat (King) Cole. This movie is already expected to be a box office success.

At the time of his death, Mr. Handy was president of the Handy Brothers Music firm which published his music.



WALTER ROBINSON.



HAROLD PETRIE.

Photos by Stanzola.

Cabbie to Get \$11,200 That's Not De Sapio's

A bundle of currency totaling \$11,200, found in the back of a cab shortly after it was used by Carmine G. De Sapio, was awarded today to the taxi driver, Harold Petrie, 65, of 252 Madison St., Brooklyn. A few minutes on the stand had earned him what would take a couple of years' wages driving a cab.

But Mr. Petrie was not overly elated, since it may be a little time before his lawyers prepare papers for the judge to sign and he has the cash in hand.

"I'm not saying I'm glad," Mr. Petrie told reporters. "I don't count my chickens before they're hatched. I've been living 65 years without it and I could keep on living without it."

Supreme Court Justice Arthur G. Klein made the award shortly after another claimant for the money withdrew.

The other claimant, Walter Robinson, 76, of 180 W. 135th St., said the money belonged to the estate of a Josephine Norcum, who died in 1929. He said he was executor of the Norcum estate.

However, Justice Klein de-

termined that most of the bills were issued after 1929, and Mr. Robinson's attorneys dropped their claim.

Tells of Find.

Mr. Petrie told how he found the money in the back of his cab and turned it over to police at the E. 35th St. station. The money was sent to Thomas R. Rossetti, police property clerk, who has been holding it ever since.

Under the law, if the legitimate owner of such money does not present himself within 90 days, the finder is entitled to it.

The small fortune was discovered by Mr. Petrie shortly after he had taken Mr. De Sapio, Tammany leader, to the Biltmore Hotel. Mr. De Sapio said the money was not his.

CABBIE COLLECTS

\$11,200 HE FOUND

Attorney Picks Up Bundle of

Unclaimed, Sodden Bills

Left in Taxi July 24

The \$11,200 in old, discolored

bills that was awarded by a court to a Brooklyn cab driver, Harold Petrie, was collected for him yesterday by his attorney at Police Headquarters Annex.

The attorney, George Abrams, received the cash from Robert Walsh, assistant property clerk, at 400 Broome Street. The money was mutilated, torn and water-soaked. There were \$50 and \$100 bills in the bundle.

The lawyer, accompanied by a detective, left for a bank at Montague and Clinton Streets in Brooklyn to deposit the money for Mr. Petrie.

Mr. Petrie, who is 65 years old, lives at 252 Madison Street, Brooklyn. He found the cash in his cab on July 24 at Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty-second Street. Carmine De Sapio, Tammany leader, who had been a passenger in the cab earlier, disclaimed ownership of the money.

When asked if he had any idea how much taxes Mr. Petrie would have to pay on the \$11,200, attorney answered:

"That has become a moot question. I have scratched the surface a little to see how my client stands. There are differences of opinion. The Treasury people seem to think that the money is taxable. Some tax experts say that it is not."

"However, there will have to be some kind of ruling, and Mr. Petrie will know when he files his income taxes in April, 1959," Mr. Abrams said.

The attorney said he was sure Mr. Petrie would not become a lavish spender.



TOAST!—Dual-purpose toast is drunk by Dr. Anthony George, his wife, Harriet (second from right) and Chicagoans Mrs. Walter Johnson (left) and Mrs. Robert Johnson. Toast was made during party in St. Albans,

Queens, N. Y., celebrating making of his 1,500,000th dollar by Dr. George and bidding bon voyage to the Georges and Johnsons a day before they boarded the Ile de France to Europe.

New York Psychologist Celebrates The Making of His 1,500,000th Dollar

ST. ALBANS, N. Y.—This exclusive section of New York City's fun-loving psychologist, Dr. Anthony George, entertained a few intimate friends, about 250, last week to help him celebrate the making of his 1,500,000th dollar.

Dr. George, who was profiled in 'Pageant' magazine last year as "The Man Who Made a Million," earned his money through shrewd investments in real estate and stock and bonds.

A day after the party, which was attended by socialites from such scattered points as Paris,

France, and Los Angeles, Calif., the wealthy psychologist, his attractive wife, Harriet, and two house guests from Chicago boarded the Ile de France for a six-week European vacation.

THE CHICAGOANS are Mrs. Walter Johnson of 5120 S. Greenwood Ave., and Mrs. Robert Johnson of 9316 Indiana Ave. Unrelated, they are the wives of Chicago real estate brokers.

Party guests took over the lavish George home at 174-16 Murdock Ave., in the Golden Circle.

the most exclusive area of St. Albans. The attractive official hostess was Dr. George's daughter, Mrs. Audrey Johnson. Her husband, Alvin, acted as host.

Guests coming to the party from the most far-away places were Mr. and Mrs. K. Buzze of Paris, France) he's a businessman, while she's an executive with world-famous Chanel Perfumes); Mrs. Lucille Horne of Los Angeles, Mrs. Audrey Brown of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. H. St. Rose of Martinique and Panama.



MRS. ANNA RIDANSKY is escorted to waiting ambulance by attendants in New York City. A recluse who lives in a littered two-room apartment in an East Side tenement, she is believed to be the person who lost \$65,000 in cash that was

found in the tenement hallway by Building Superintendent Benjamin Troeger. She was taken to Gouverneur Hospital. Mrs. Kidansky gave her age as 65 but neighbors said they believed she was about 80. (UPI Telephoto)

\$5,000 in Buried Money**Mystery Surrounds
Loot Found by Negro**

CLEVELAND, Ohio — "I don't believe my mother-in-law buried that money. It just wouldn't make sense," said Mrs. Ocie Johnson, 2353 East 88th St., who turned over a strong box containing about \$5,000 in mutilated rotted bills, sent to her last September, to the U. S. Marshal.

Mrs. Johnson told *The Courier*, during an interview Friday: "I turned over the money in because I was asked to do so. I know nothing more about it."

The 61-year-old Mrs. Johnson walked into the Federal Building in Cleveland's Public Square Monday and handed the money to U. S. Marshal Albert Jacobs, saying, "You might be interested in this."

Postal Inspector Frank Farrell happened to be in the building on another matter at the time. Jacobs summoned him and gave him the surprise package. Farrell opened the strong box and to his amazement found the money in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills.

The Cleveland woman told authorities she received the money in her postal box station, 5300 Chester Ave., last September and hesitated to turn it in because she had been ill. The funds came from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Giles, 79, of Colbert, Okla., who struck the box while chopping corn, Mrs. Johnson stated.

The money was turned over to the FBI. Meanwhile, Postal Inspector T. R. Garretson of Shawnee, Okla., queried Mrs. Giles concerning the possibility of her burying the money.

Federal authorities theorized the money could have been left in the corn field by a gang that robbed a couple of Cuban revolutionists who were in the United States in 1952. Postal inspectors and FBI agents all over the country are trying to determine how the money got into the Oklahoma corn field.

2 Daughters, Grandson Named in Will

Copper P.A.
\$46,336 Estate Shared by Trio
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 2-8-58

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A \$46,336.56 personal estate has been left to survivors of the late Mrs. Wilhelmina M. Byrd, mother of Mrs. Homer S. Brown of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Florence B. Davis of Petersburg, Va.

The bulk of the estate left by Mrs. Byrd, who died in the spring of 1956, is to benefit the two surviving daughters, according to the will recorded in the local Register of Wills office.

Atty. Byrd R. Brown, Mrs. Byrd's grandson, "is to have the money that is on savings at Union Trust Company and the bonds in his name," the will stated.

The testament named Judge Homer S. Brown as executor of the estate.

THE INVENTORY, filed by Atty. Everett E. Utterback, lists \$21,775.16 in savings and checking accounts in Pittsburgh and Norfolk, Va., banks.

A total of \$13,181.41 in mortgages, plus a \$475 note, was listed in the inventory.



Mrs. Brown



Mrs. Davis

The schedule also showed that the late Mrs. Byrd left 20 shares of stock in the Virginia Electric and Power Company, valued at \$2,275.

Bonds, in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, were valued at \$8,400.

Other enumerations included shares in the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company of Richmond and a traveler's check valued at \$200.

The will, drawn up on March 18, 1951, noted that Mrs. Byrd did not own real estate in Pitts-

The Virginia properties were listed as four lots and houses, and three lots which Mrs. Byrd owned outright, and 12 lots and houses in which she had one-third interest.

Mrs. Byrd was the widow of a prominent Norfolk physician.

Norfolk Doctor's Widow Leaves \$46,000 Estate
Journal & Guide Norfolk, Va.
Sat. 2-15-58

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A personal estate of \$46,336.56 was left to three heirs by the widow of a Norfolk, Va. physician according to a will recorded in the local Register of Wills office.

The estate of Mrs. Wilhelmina M. Byrd, widow of Dr. D. W. Byrd of Norfolk, was left to her daughters, Mrs. Homer S. Brown of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Florence B. Davis of Petersburg, Va., and a grandson, Atty. Byrd R. Brown of Pittsburgh, according to the will.

MRS. BYRD, who died in the spring of 1956, drew up the will in March, 1951. Her husband had succumbed in 1945.

Inventory of the estate shows \$21,775.16 in savings and checking accounts in Pittsburgh and Norfolk, Va., banks as well as a total of \$13,181.41 in mortgages plus a \$475 note.

THE SCHEDULE also lists 20 shares of stock in the Virginia Light and Power Company valued at \$2,275 and bonds in \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 denominations valued at \$8,400. There are also shares in the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Va., and a traveler's check valued at \$200.

The will noted that Mrs. Byrd did not own real estate in Pittsburgh but did possess properties in Norfolk. The Norfolk properties were listed as four lots and houses and three lots which Mrs. Byrd owned outright, and 12 lots and houses in which she had one-third interest.

ACCORDING to the will, the bulk of the estate will go

Has Estate Of \$46,000



MRS. WILHELMINA BYRD Leaves \$46,000 Estate

to the two surviving daughters. The grandson "is to have the money that is on savings at Union Trust Company and the bonds in his name."

Judge Homer S. Brown was named executor of the estate.



Nouveau Riche

—Willie Bracey, itinerant junk man, who found hoard of gold coins valued at as much as \$50,000 in Philadelphia, grins as he learns he will get nearly 37 per cent of hoard as his share after long legal battle. He found them in 1956, got news about his share while serving vagrancy jail term. —Wide World Photo.

Dr. Walker Leaves \$25,000 To Churches

Seeks Third Of Walker Estate

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (SNS) — Dr. J. E. Walker left three churches which he founded a total of \$25,000 in his will, which was admitted to probate this week by Special Judge James W. Walker.

A. A. Lattin, attorney for the Walker-founded University Life Insurance Company, listed the estate for tax purposes at more than \$10,000. The total amount of the estate will not become a part of public record until evaluated.

The Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church, where Dr. Walker and his family attended, was bequeathed \$20,000, which is to be paid off in annual installments of \$2,000. Walker Memorial Christian was willed \$3,000, and will get \$300 annually, while Riverview Christian, which was left \$2,000, will get \$200 a year.

1,200 TO COUSIN

The late insurance tycoon left \$1,200 to a cousin, Ida Mae Walker. \$25,000 in trust went to his son, Maceo, and daughter, Mrs. Julian Kelso, as trustees.

Half of the rest of the estate went to Dr. Walker's son, A. Maceo Walker, Sr., who will receive that income. At the son's death, this part goes to the son's wife, Harriette Ish Walker. It alternately will go to Dr. Walker's grandchildren, Little Patricia Walker, Antonio Maceo Walker, Jr., and Harriette Lucile Walker.

Income from the remainder of the estate goes to his daughter, Mrs. Johnetta Walker Kelso, and then to her husband, Dr. Julian W. Kelso, if he survives her.

The Walker grandchildren will share equally in the rest of the trust.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (Special) — Mrs. Louise O'Reilly Walker, widow of Dr. J. E. Walker, who was shot to death here on July 28, has filed a "widow's dissent" in Probate Court to the will left by her late husband, and will automatically receive one third of his personal property, and a third of the income derived from real estate which he owned.

That was the explanation given by Mrs. Walker's attorney, Wallace Lopez, who said that the dissent simply meant that his client was dissatisfied with the will as it was probated, which did not mention her.

The total value of Dr. Walker's estate has not been disclosed.

The seven-page will of Dr. Walker, which was presented for probate last week by Atty. A. A. Lattin, was made on Feb. 6, 1957, more than six months before Dr. Walker was married for the second time.

In it Dr. Walker specified that \$20,000 of his estate was to be paid to the Mississippi Blvd. Christian church in 10 annual installments of \$2,000; another \$3,000 was to go to the Walker Memorial Christian church in annual payments of \$300; and \$2,000 in \$200 annual payments was to go to the Riverside Christian church.

Dr. Walker left a sum of \$1,200 to his cousin, Miss Ida Mae Walker, and the remainder of the property was willed to his two children, A. Maceo Walker, sr., and Mrs. Johnetta W. Kelso. Each was to receive one half of all of his property.

Mrs. Lopez said that Mrs. Walker was not seeking to break the will, but wanted it to stand as it is. By filing the dissent, he said, she merely established herself as an heir.

Dr. Walker was planning to legally adopt a child of Mrs. Walker by a previous marriage, Reginald O'Reilly Walker on the day he was slain.

Mrs. Walker Seeks One-third

Banker's Widow Not in His Will

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Youthful Mrs. Louise O'Reilly Walker, widow of wealthy Dr. J. E. Walker, banker and insurance executive, who was shot to death here July 28, has filed a "widow's dissent" in Probate Court to the will left by her late husband. She was not mentioned in Dr. Walker's will and her attorney explained that she establishes herself as an heir by filing the dissent and should automatically receive one-third of his personal property and a third of the income derived from real estate which the deceased owned.

Mrs. Walker's attorney, Wallace Lopez, explained that the "dissent" simply meant that the widow was not satisfied with the will as it was probated.

The attorney added that Mrs. Walker was not attempting to break the will. She merely wanted to establish herself as an heir, he said.

ALTHOUGH THE total value of Dr. Walker's estate has not been disclosed, the will specified that \$20,000 of the estate was to go to the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.

Other churches to receive \$3,000 and \$2,000 gifts, respectively, were the Walker Memorial Church and the Riverside Christian Church.

Dr. Walker specified, also, that \$1,200 was to go to a cousin, Miss Ida Mae Walker, and the remainder of the property was to be divided equally between his two children, A. Maceo Walker Sr. and Mrs. Johnetta W. Kelson.

The will was drawn up by Dr. Walker on Feb. 6, 1957, more than six months before he was married for the second time.

Dr. Walker was shot to death in Memphis on July 28 by J. Washington Hamilton.

On the fatal day, he had planned to formally adopt Reginald O'Reilly Walker, a child of Mrs. Walker by a previous marriage.

Oil Boom May Enrich Family

HOUSTON Texas (ANP) — Descendants of Ino Hudgins, a proud slave who was brought to America in chains, are sitting pretty on top of the hottest oil boom the Texas gulf coast has seen in the last 25 years, it was reported.

The clan, direct descendants of Ino who died a freed man following the Civil War, own some 300 acres of rich Texas oil lands in an area known as "Hudkins' Settlement."

So rich is the area in fact, that oilmen are offering \$35 an acre for mineral leases to the land, which has been divided among Ino's heirs.

This is believed to be a new high for oil lands, which normally lease for \$1 an acre. Under the land-lease proposition, if oil is struck, the owner then gets a royalty.

No oil has as yet been struck and oilmen are still tight-lipped about the prospects. But the Houston Chronicle reported last week that several weeks ago an oil company put down core tests drillings that showed hundreds of feet of oil sands in the area, indicating that the Hudgins heirs stand to reap a huge fortune.

The Chronicle called the Hudgins' activity "the hottest oil-lease play on the Texas Gulf Coast in the past 25 years."

One of the descendants who stands to benefit largely from the reported boom is Mrs. Mathilda Scott, 73, who is one who has leased for \$35 an acre.

Another is Ben Alexander, a cheerful man of 63 and a nephew of Ino, who has already received \$4,740 for his leases. He said he will use the money to fix his house and his barn.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Lily Williams, matriarch of the Hudgins clan, has leased her holdings of 31 acres.

Although spry at 79, she remarked jokingly that "I'll be dead before they hit oil." Nevertheless she also stands to benefit huge-

ly from the transactions.

The story of Ino Hudgins is an interesting one. He is said to have been a good worker but a very proud slave who told his master: "My father is a great man in my country (Africa). He is richer than you."

Ino was brought to Texas when the state was a republic and sold to a plantation owner in Matagorda County.

After he was freed following the Civil War, he bought part of the land which he worked as a slave and kept increasing his holdings. When he died, he left the 300 acres to his children, who passed them on to theirs.

Hudgins descendants are currently living on the land, which has since been cut up into many pieces, in a collection of small homes.

Beggar's \$7,000

GEORGETOWN, Texas —

Eighty-seven year James Blair, whose pathetic appearance for years has caused courthouse passersby to drop nickles and dimes in his battered old hat, died last week.

A cousin discovered in Blair's trunk \$1,500 in silver dollars and \$5,500 in ancient bills. Another \$1,000 was in a safety deposit vault in an Austin bank along with a deed to 24 acres of oil-rich land.

Land Worth More Than Offered; Aged Woman Refuses \$3,200

Former P2 Houston, Texas
4-1-58
RICHMOND, Va. — It has been reported that a 52-year-old woman told United States District Court this week she will give up without compensation her 50-acre farm near a dam in southern Virginia, rather than accept a government offer of \$3,200 for the property.

Mrs. Eliza Terry, last remaining resident on land taken by the federal government for the John H. Kerr Dam near Clarksville, agreed to move off her property.

"I'll move this week," she said, "but they can have the money. They seem to need it."

Mrs. Terry contends the property is worth every bit of \$5,000, and has lived in the same six-room house for more than three score years. She said she supports herself and her 19-year-old son by raising livestock and renting farm land.

The woman was urged by the court to again consider the government offer and was told she had until Wednesday, Jan. 15, to vacate. The money, court officials said, will be held for five years, after which it would revert to the Treasury.

White Woman Dies, Leaves Farm to Negro

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. (ANP)—
"Be thou faithful unto death," might well have been the motto of a trusted, long-time employee of a white family. And it paid off, the 75-year-old Negro was remembered in his mistress' will.

4-9-58
The will of the late Mildred Walker revealed last week that she left her farm in trust for the life-time benefit of James L. Canaday, who had worked for her family 43 years. After Canaday's death, the farm will go to Miss Walker's nephew and niece.

Va. White Woman Wills Farm's Use To Employee

Will Give Negro Farm In Trust

Special to Journal and Guide
MIDLOTHIAN, Va. — The farm of a Midlothian white woman has been left in trust for a 75-year-old colored man who worked for her a long time. Probate of the will of the late Miss Mildred Walker in Chesterfield County Court clerk's office directed that the farm be in trust for James L. Walker who was employed by Miss Walker for 43 years.

P.B.
THE WILL directed that after Mr. Walker's death, the farm will go to a nephew, Graham H. Walker of Midlothian and a niece, Mrs. R. L. Midlothian of Falls Church.

Miss Walker left an estate of \$29,900 including \$19,900 in real estate and \$10,000 in personal property. She died July 16 at the age of 84.

Journal - Guide
MIDLOTHIAN, Va. — A white woman has left her farm in trust for the life-time benefit of a 75-year-old Negro man long in the family's employ. The will of the late Miss Mildred Walker, probated in Chesterfield County Circuit Court, directed that after the death of

James L. Canaday, who worked for Miss Walker for 43 years, the farm should go to her nephew and niece. Probate of the will showed Miss Walker left an estate of \$29,000, including \$19,900 in real estate and \$10,000 in personal property.

Miss Walker died July 18 at the age of 84.